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Mr. Cyrus Vance
Secretary of State
The State Department
Washington, D.C. 20520

EXCISE

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REVIEWED BY John Simms DATE 3-27-81
PORTIONS DENIED

Dear Mr. Vance:

Two members of my parish have young adult children who are heavily involved in Jim Jones' People's Temple. Currently they are in Guyana. The parents are concerned about the freedom of their children. Mail is presumed to be controlled and censored. One parent received a letter from another young person to her parent in New Orleans in an envelope addressed by her son to her. Obviously after the mail was read it was put back in the wrong envelope. I don't know what you can do to investigate the situation in Jonestown, Guyana, but these could be offenses of tampering with the mails.

Would you please request an extensive investigation of Jonestown by the American Embassy in Georgetown. If an impartial investigation could be held it might lead to neccessary actions or to a relieving of many concerned parents.

I look forward to hearing from you so that I can better assist the parents of these young people. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

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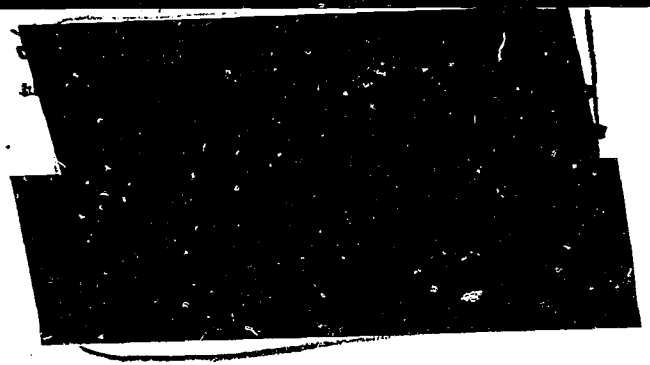

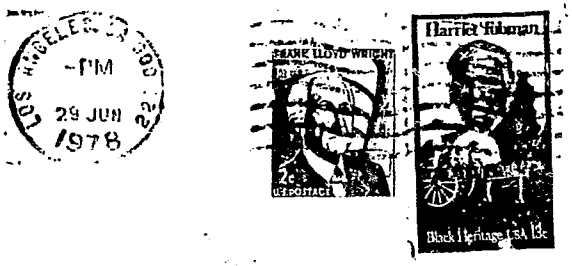

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